





Sign: "Kameyama Real Estate"



I THINK HE
SAID IT WAS
60 MILLION
FOR 30
TSUBOS.



I'D
LIKE SOME
INFORMATION
ON
PROPERTIES...

UH...

OH?
WHERE?

OKAY.

PLEASE
HAVE A
SEAT.



THIS
ISN'T
GOING
WELL...

HE JUST
PLUNKED DOWN
50 MILLION IN
CASH, AND
WE'RE STILL
WAITING FOR
AN ANSWER...

ARE YOU
MAKING A
FOOL OF
ME?

DID YOU
THINK I'D
CHANGE MY
TUNE UPON
SEEING
CASH?

DID YOU
THINK I'M
THE KIND OF
MAN WHO'LL
CONCEDE
JUST BECAUSE
YOU'VE
SHOWN ME
THE MONEY?

IF YOU
THINK
MONEY WILL
CHANGE
OUR MINDS,
YOU'RE
HUGELY
MISTAKEN!

DON'T KID
AROUND
WITH
GROWN-
UPS!

I VALUE
TRUST OVER
ANYTHING
ELSE. THERE
ARE PLENTY
OF PROBLEMS
IN THE WORLD
YOU CAN'T
SOLVE WITH
MONEY!

I'M NOT
THE KIND
OF MAN TO
SELL HIS
SOUL FOR
CASH!

OH, BOY.
NOW HE'S
MAD.

THAT'S
WHAT I
WAS
AFRAID
OF...

WE'RE
DONE
TALKING!
NOW GO
HOME!

I WON'T
LET A MERE
CHILD SLAP
ME AROUND
WITH WADS
OF CASH!



YOU'RE
RIGHT, THE
OWNER IS
LOOKING
TO SELL
THE LAND.

THE
PARTITIONED
HOUSES AT
2-CHOME?

I SEE.

AS SOON AS THE
LEASEE, OKAJIMA,
WOODBLOCK,
MOVES OUT,
THE
LANDOWNER IS
WILLING TO
NEGOTIATE AT
60 MILLION.

DID
KOSURE-
SAN TELL
YOU
ABOUT
IT?

I'D LIKE
TO HELP
HIM, BUT
THERE'S
NOTHING
I CAN DO.

HE'S A
STRUGGLING
YOUNG MAN.

WELL...
YES.

OF COURSE...
IT'S A
MATTER OF
NEGOTIATION,
SO IT'S UP
TO THE
LANDOWNER,
OF COURSE.

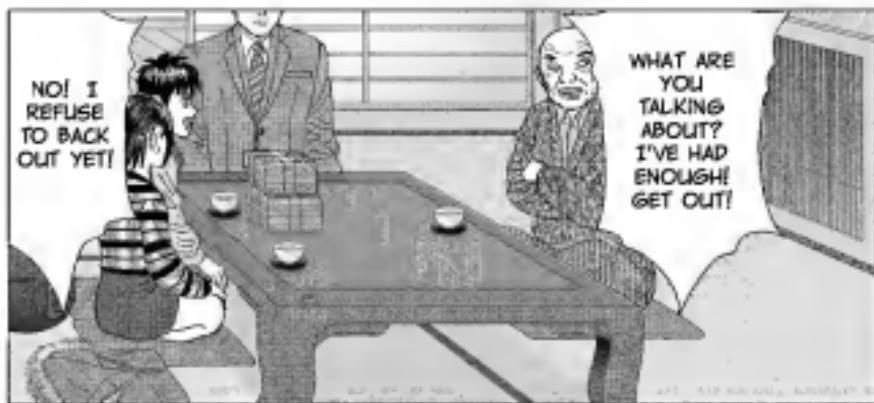
...WOULD I
BE ABLE TO
DISCUSS IT
DIRECTLY
WITH THE
LANDOWNER
IF I ACCEPT
HIS OFFER
OF 60
MILLION?

WELL...

THIS ISN'T
GOING TO
WORK.
FORGET IT.

YOU KNOW
SOMEBODY
WHO WANTS
TO BUY?

NO, I
WAS JUST
ASKING.





TRUST?

THIS
MONEY IS
MY TRUST.



IN OTHER
WORDS,
YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO
NEGOTIATE
WITH ME
DIRECTLY.

YOU SAID
AT FIRST THAT
YOU WANTED
TO SPEAK
DIRECTLY TO MY
GRANDFATHER,
AND ASKED ME
TO CALL HIM.



IT'S ONLY
NORMAL TO
DEMAND TO
SPEAK TO
YOUR
GUARDIAN
INSTEAD.

OF COURSE.
WHO ON
EARTH WOULD
DISCUSS REAL
ESTATE
NEGOTIATIONS
WITH A CHILD?







...MONEY
IS TO BE
TRUSTED,
AND
NOTHING
ELSE.



I WANT TO
HEAR YOUR
THOUGHTS
AND STATE
SOME OF MY
OWN, AS
WELL.

I WANT TO
DISCUSS THE
MATTER WITH
YOU, MISTER
OWNER.



I'D HAVE TO OUTBID 60 MILLION BY A LARGE MARGIN, OR ELSE IT WON'T DO...

NO, WHAT AM I THINKING?

PROPERTY VALUE OF THE PARTITIONED HOUSES ISN'T GOING TO RISE.

IT'S OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION.

SUN AYASE

THAT PLACE IS WORTHLESS.

BESIDES, IT'D BE GOING AGAINST THE RULE OF PURCHASING FOR 50 MILLION.





IT STICKS
IN MY
CRAW.

BUT THEN
AGAIN...

WHAT IS
IT THAT
BOthers
ME?

I ALWAYS
THINK
LOGICALLY
AND
MECHANICALLY.
THAT'S
THE KIND OF
GUY I AM.

AND SINCE
INVESTING IN
THE LAND OF
PARTITIONED
HOUSES WOULD
BE ILLLOGICAL,
THE VERY IDEA IS
ANTITHETICAL
TO
MY VALUES.

AND YET
SOMETHING
TELLS ME
THAT I CAN
EKE VALUE
OUT OF IT.

IT'S BEHIND
THE TIMES.
IT HAS NO
FUTURE
POSSIBILITY.

I CAN'T
FIGURE OUT
THE REASON
WHY I'M SO
BOthered
BY THIS.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
WITH ME?